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NEWS RELEASE

Rollover Collision Results in Fatality on US 54

Date: 3/2/2016 Time: 3:25 a.m.

Location: US 54 North mile marker 27

Vehicle: 2007 Jeep Liberty

Driver: 33-year old Ruth Naomi Desoto of El Paso (deceased)

Vehicle 2: Early 2000's model, dark colored compact car

EL PASO, TEXAS: Special Traffic Investigators responded to US 54 north at mile marker 27 to assist with the investigation of a fatal traffic collision. A 2007 Jeep Liberty, driven by 33-year old Ruth Naomi Desoto was travelling north on 54 when she veered off the roadway and struck the center divider cables causing the vehicle to roll. The driver was ejected and came to rest on the southbound lanes. Passers-by stopped to assist and were attempting to divert on-coming traffic when a dark colored compact car struck the driver as she lay injured on roadway. The driver of that vehicle failed stop and continued driving south on US 54. The dark colored compact car may possibly have damage to the front end and may be missing the entire front right headlight housing.

Traffic investigators are asking one with information on this collision to please contact the Special Traffic Investigations unit at (915) 212-4080 or police dispatch at (915) 832-4400. If the involved driver wishes to come forward, they may do so at Police Headquarters at 911 Raynor, any Police Regional Command Center, flag down any police officer or call (915) 832-4400.

This is the 13th traffic fatality compared to 8 this time last year.

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